

## I. AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, to recite as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for the production of a spray-dried concentrate comprising lacticin 3147, for use as a food ingredient, comprising:
  - (a) inoculating a food-grade medium with a lacticin 3147-producing strain of bacteria;
  - (b) fermenting the inoculated medium;
  - (c) adjusting the pH of the fermentation to a pH ranging from 6.3 to 6.7;
  - (d) inactivating the bacteria within the fermentate; and
  - (e) evaporating the fermentate of step (d) thereby producing the lacticin 3147 concentrate for use as a food ingredient.
2. (Twice Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the medium of step (a) is selected from the group consisting of milk, reconstituted dairy-based powders, reconstituted demineralized whey powder, reconstituted skimmed milk powder, reconstituted whey protein concentrate powder, pasteurized whole milk, Cheddar cheese whey, reconstituted yeast powders, and synthetic laboratory-type media.
11. (Twice Amended) A concentrate comprising a food-grade spray-dried lacticin 3147 produced by the process of any one of claims 1 to 9.
12. (Twice Amended) A spray-dried food-grade powder containing lacticin 3147 having the ability to inhibit organisms which are not resistant to lacticin 3147, and having an activity of greater than about 20,000 AU/ml.

13. (Twice Amended) A food product comprising a lacticin 3147 enriched spray-dried food-grade fermentate produced by the process of any one of claims 1 to 9 and a foodstuff.

14. (Twice Amended) The food product as claimed in claim 13, wherein said product is selected from the group consisting of an infant milk formulation, a sauce, a mayonnaise, a dessert including a custard, a tinned food, a yogurt, a soup and a bakery product.

15. (Twice Amended) A food product as claimed in claim 13 <sup>either</sup> (and <sup>or</sup> 14), which has been subjected to hydrostatic pressure in the range from about 150 MPa to about 800 MPa.

~~A copy of the claims marked up to show changes made is attached hereto.~~